



Wideview Public School

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Messages from the Principal

Communicating with your teacher

I believe the Parent Teacher information night addressed a lot of the questions that many of you had. For more individual questions, please remember to make an appointment so that the teacher can give you their full attention.

Email communication is another excellent forum for keeping in touch with teachers. However, as a teacher's first priority is teaching and caring for the students in their class, they have few opportunities to respond to emails during the school day. They also have regular team/staff meetings, and sometimes have extra-curricula commitments before and after school. Therefore, teachers will endeavor to respond to your email within 48 hours. To maintain a healthy work-life balance though, I feel it unreasonable for teachers to respond to work emails after 5pm unless of high importance as decided by them.

What to do if your child has a problem at the school

The first point of contact is always your child's teacher or, failing that, the Assistant Principal for your child's grade/stage (Kindy – Mrs. Griffin; Year 1&2 – Mr. Coleman; Year 3&4 – Mr. Thomas; Year 5&6 – Mr. Harpur).

Tips and hints for parents include:

- Remaining calm and positive in front of your child.
- Being aware that your child's perspective/account of what happened is simply their point of view. There may be other equally valid sides of the story to be heard.
- Being solutions focused and open to other perspectives.
- Speaking respectfully.
- Going through the right channels – this usually means speaking to the classroom teacher first. We recommend that you arrange a private meeting that allows for confidentiality and sufficient time for discussion.

Here is a very useful link with more tips and hints for parents: <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/working-with-schools-teachers/problem-solving-for-parents-teachers>

Covid Intensive Learning Support Program

The DoE have provided some funding to support small group tuition with a teacher focusing on core content and skills, in literacy and numeracy. Students from Years 1–6 who will benefit from intensive support have been identified; further information will be sent home to some parents indicating their child's inclusion in these small groups.

Handy School Hints

You can assist your child to a successful start to this school year by establishing **clear routines** for getting to and from school, and by setting aside a regular time for them to complete their homework or home reading. Children thrive on certainty and set routines for such activities. For some, it may mean coming home and completing homework straight away; other students may be better suited to a break, exercise or some refreshment before commencing their set tasks. Work out a plan that suits your schedule and do your best to stick to it. We fully recognise and appreciate how hectic life can be some weeks, so if homework completion becomes an issue, please talk to your child's teacher.

One aspect of schooling that I am passionate about is **reading**. Research shows that parents can greatly assist their children to be successful readers by reading with them on a regular basis – bedtime is a perfect opportunity for sharing some wonderful literature. Children will also receive encouragement by simply witnessing mum, dad or caregivers enjoying reading themselves – by modelling a love of reading to your children, they will benefit immensely.

For ideas on age appropriate reading, you can visit the website of the Premier's Reading Challenge at the link below or better yet, talk to our fantastic librarian, Mr. Smith, who has a wealth of knowledge about children's literature. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Its cool to be at school everyday

The anticipation of an argument with a child to get them to school can be beyond endurance for parents. Too many students miss school through parent-condoned absences.

Every day a student is away they are missing a learning experience. When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

If a child **misses school for around 1 day a week**, by the end of the year they will have **missed almost 1 whole term of school**. Over the primary school years they would **miss almost 3 years of school**.

What is a Justified Absence from school?

1. For an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (best made for after school or in the holidays).
2. To attend a recognised religious holiday.
3. To attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. a funeral).
4. While sick or with an infectious disease.

Regards,

Mr McTernan

Wideview Public School Community Engagement Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WH7VRHQ>

Please complete this short survey to provide teachers and school staff with information regarding community engagement.

The survey is 4 questions and will take 1-2 minutes of your time.

Survey will be open 3.3.2021 – 17.3.2021

Wideview in the News!

Did you see Wideview students on the front cover of the local paper recently representing our wonderful school at the swimming carnival? Year 6 students, Jasmine TJ and Ava B looking happy and having fun, well done girls!



Clean Up Australia Day

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. On Friday 5 March, students will again be working together to make a difference to our school environment. Please feel free to send along gloves with your children.



COVID Symptoms and absences

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for any students showing any symptoms. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore or scratchy throat
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of smell/taste

Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. We ask that you please forward results to the office at wideview-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au please DO NOT send to the class teacher. **When completing an absence note we kindly ask that you please be specific in terms of reasons , if only 'unwell' or 'sick' is noted the school will need to contact you for further information.**

Parents are also reminded that students should not return until symptom free, regardless of whether they require a COVID test or not.

COVID Safe Procedures

All visitors must check in using the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-in QR code, the office staff will need to process manually if you do not have this set-up already. Visitors, contractors and service providers must do both steps to ensure their safety and the safety of others while on school sites.

Step 1 – Sign in using the school iPad - by doing so, you agree with the responses in the acknowledgement section of the **COVID-19 requirements for visitors.**

Step 2 – Check in with QR code - using the Service NSW app

Access to the school is still limited. If you are entering the school grounds for any reason it is mandatory that all visitors present to the office and follow the steps for check-in.

If you are collecting your child/ren for an early departure we ask that you please call the office prior to your arrival so it can be arranged for them to meet you in the office, please do not go to their classrooms.

Premier's Reading Challenge. Ready, set...

The Premier's Reading Challenge is almost upon us for 2021. The Challenge begins on 1 March, which is Monday next week! The challenge is a fantastic way to encourage and support extensive reading of quality books. When the challenge is combined with students borrowing books from the library, reading books in class and supported by you at home, the students discover the wonders of reading.

The basic rules are:

Kindergarten to Year 2 – students must read **30** books (including 25 from the PRC list)

Years 3 to 6 – students must read **20** books (including 15 from the PRC list)

Parents and carers need to log all the books their child read on the PRC website.

Information, including book lists, reading logs and rules, is all found at the address:
www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

The PRC ends on 20 August 2021.

Happy reading!

School Calendar

The Calendar is updated each week. Please check regularly for any additions or changes which will be marked in red for your convenience.

Term 1 2021		
March		
Friday	5 March	Zone Swimming Carnival
Thursday	11, 18 & 25 March	Interrelate Year 6
Friday	19 March	Colour Fun Run
Monday	29 March	Easter Hat Parade
Tuesday	30 March	Florimo Cup— Montview Oval
April		
Thursday	1 April	Last day of Term 1
Term 2 2021		
April		
Tuesday	20 April	Students return

Merit Awards

KGM	Natasha E, Max S	KH		KS	Matilda W, Nathan S
1P		1S	Emily O, Lachlan H	1/2F	Alexander G, Milla S
2C	River F, Blair C	2D	Sienna M, Summer M-D	3H	Ruby B, Mia R
3T	Lumi M, Luke R	4LA	Aurora F, Torston H	4/5AV	Thomas S, Tara L
5C	Taylah S, Declan S	5/6J	Lucas H, Sophie H	6H	Liam W, Laura B
6L	Kieran M, Indi P	Library			

Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



OPEN NIGHT

Monday 8 March 2021

The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the Annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.



**REGISTER
TO
ATTEND**

The Open Night will commence at 4pm and will run until 6pm. Parents and sons will participate in school tours (in groups), allowing them to:

- Meet our dedicated and caring staff.
- Ask questions of our Principal, School Executive, Staff and Student Leaders.
- Experience a taste of all that Asquith Boys High School can offer their sons.
- Learn about the wide range of extra-curricular and additional programs available to our students.

To assist us to make this event COVID-safe, we ask that all visitors register using the following online registration link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPEEZ>

Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith

Phone: 9477 3508

www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Leadership, Citizenship, Science, Technology, Creative Arts and Sporting Excellence



Email: wideviewpandc@gmail.com



www.facebook.com/WideviewPublicSchoolPandCEvents/

P&C Update

Next P&C Meeting Monday 15 March in the library

Colour Run – 19 March

Our colour run is now only 15 days away!

In exciting news, we have been working with the Colour Run people and all donations are now **tax deductible**! Yes, that's right, all donations are tax deductible! So, year 5 & 6 parents looking to buy a device for BYOD, donate \$1,000 to the colour run and your child can choose the laptop as their prize!! Win for all! Unfortunately, those who made donations prior to the Colour Run changing our tax-deductible status won't have a tax-deductible donation.

Don't forget you will need to send your child in a white t-shirt for the day. If you don't already have one, head up to Kmart or Target or Amazon to see what they have.

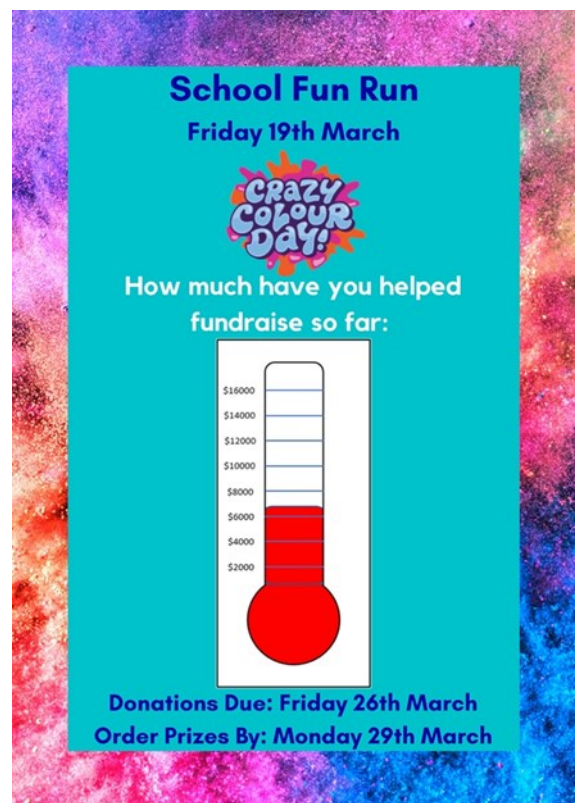
PRIZES

We're happy to announce that the class who raises the most money will win a birthday bucket from the canteen and have a mufti day as a reward for raising the most money.... It's a close competition at the moment with 1S and 4/5AV battling the top place out.

For the student who fundraises the most money, School Fun Run have donated a Lenovo Tablet!! So not only does the student get to choose their prizes but they win a tablet for raising the most money! What an amazing incentive to get fundraising!

Volunteer needed for the Colour Run—do you like clowning around?

We promised last week to give you a sneak of some of the obstacles and things happening at the colour run....our first one is the colour run mascot, Chase! We need one volunteer to don the costume and spend 15 minute intervals entertaining the kids....Don't worry, Chase cant get wet or have colour thrown at him. A School Fun Run handler will help to guide Chase around our event and help you to avoid obstacles.



Need some tips on how to fundraise?

Share it to your Facebook page, email family and friends, ask your neighbours, hold an event and use the proceeds for the colour run. Every single dollar counts.

Where are we at?

We still only have an average of 12 children per class signed up. A total of 146 kids have an online profile, with only 109 of those are fundraising online. We have over 400 children at Wideview so more than half our school haven't signed up yet. The child who has raised the most to date has raised close to \$400 with a classmate sitting a few dollars behind. Even if you can only raise \$5 it still goes towards the school. We're heading toward our fundraising target with close to \$7,000 raised for the school.

wideview public school canteen



healthy kids are happy kids

CANTEEN NEWS

MORE LUNCH OPTIONS / MORE HEALTHY CHOICES

Missing a lunch?

Please go into your QKR account and select your child's 2021 class so their lunch can find them.

Recess Orders

Recess orders are picked up from the canteen.
(Not taken to classrooms)

we need you

~ Thursday Sushi Pick Up
~ 4th Wednesday of Every Month

GEORGIE ♥ BAKER



Nachos
Beef & Cheese

Vegetarian
Fried Rice



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[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CAFE4KIDS](https://www.facebook.com/CAFE4KIDS)

Order Online



Easy with QKR, download, create profile and good to go!